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CITY RECEIVES \$16.2 MILLION FEDERAL HOMELAND-SECURITY GRANT

Grant will help region bolster its defenses against terrorism, other disasters

The city will receive a \$16.2 million federal grant to help the region respond to a terrorist attack or other disaster, federal officials announced today. The city will use the money for a variety of projects, including strengthening the region's emergency communications network and improving the region's ability to respond to a chemical or biological attack.

"We've seen from past experience that San Diegans always rise to the occasion when responding to emergencies," Mayor Jerry Sanders said. "This grant money will help the entire region continue to do so in the future."

Today the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced that dozens of cities around the country will receive a total of \$832.5 million in grants under the federal Urban Areas Security Initiative Program. San Diego's portion will be \$16.2, although 20% of that will go to the state.

Including the \$16.2 million, San Diego will have received nearly \$108 million in UASI grants since 2003. That money has been spent on everything from creating a regional back-up emergency communication system to equipping emergency and law-enforcement personnel with the latest in protective gear and surveillance technology.

"This money allows us to enhance our capabilities to address all hazards, risks and threats within the San Diego region," said Donna Faller, the city's Program Manager for Homeland Security. "In other words, this grant is vital for us to continue the important work we've already started."

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